



# Medicaid Information Bulletin

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**Medicaid Information Bulletin required for**  
● **Providers of Dental Care Service**

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## 00 - 103 Clinically Based Computer Auditing Program for Claims Payment: Dental Care Services

Effective for claims with a date of service on or after November 15, 2000, a clinically based computer auditing program will be implemented as part of the Medicaid Management Information System. Highlights of the program are:

- It allows enhanced automation and evaluation of claims.
- It is based on accepted industry standards and guidelines to verify the coding accuracy of professional claims.
- It identifies appropriate coding of procedures eligible for reimbursement.
- Payment for services will be more consistent and appropriate.
- Some state-specific editing will more fully support Medicaid policy.

Similar programs are already in use locally by some commercial third party payers. Current policy and/or initial review processes for services requiring prior authorization, for procedures considered cosmetic, experimental or unproven, and for the use of unlisted or nonspecific procedure codes will not change.

### Dental Services Supported by Auditing Program

Effective for claims with a date of service on or after November 15, 2000, dental claims will require tooth number and surface fields as well as the appropriate code. Dental providers must be accurate on tooth numbering, tooth surfaces, and quadrant or arch location codes.

Acceptable tooth surface coding is up to five spaces: I (incisal), M (mesial), D (distal), L (lingual), B (buccal), F (facial), O (occlusal). Acceptable quadrant location codes are double alpha codes placed in the tooth number field of the ADA claim form: LL (lower left), UL (upper left), LR (lower right), UR (upper right), and arch codes in the same field: UA (upper arch), and LA (lower arch). Codes requiring the quadrant or arch codes are space maintainer codes – unilateral spacers are tooth specific and bilateral spacers are arch specific. Acceptable tooth letter / numbers are: Primary, A through T; Permanent, 1 through 32.

The Utah Medicaid Provider Manual for Dental Care Services was updated October 2000. Refer to Bulletin 00 - 96, Dental Program: Clarifications and Changes, issued October 2000. To obtain a copy, use a Publication Request Form or contact Medicaid Information.

### Dental Codes: Arch, Quadrant, Tooth Specific

Certain dental codes are tooth, quadrant, or arch specific. For reimbursement, make sure the appropriate location code (arch, quadrant, tooth number) is included for each procedure on the ADA form. Without these codes, claims cannot be processed accurately.

#### 1. Arch Specific Codes

In addition to many other codes, the following procedures are arch specific. They are valid only when submitted for the specified arch(es) in the permanent and primary dentition(s):

<u>Code</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Primary</u>
D1515	UA, LA	UA, LA
D1525	UA, LA	UA, LA
D5510	UA, LA	UA, LA

#### 2. Quadrant Specific Codes

The following procedures are quadrant specific and valid only when submitted for the specified dentition(s):

<u>Code</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Primary</u>
D1550	UR, UL, LL, LR	UR, UL, LL, LR
D4210	UR, UL, LL, LR	UR, UL, LL, LR
D4220	UR, UL, LL, LR	UR, UL, LL, LR
D7471	UR, UL, LL, LR	UR, UL, LL, LR

#### 3. Tooth Specific Codes

In addition to many other codes, including alloys, composites, and crown procedures, the following procedures are tooth specific and only valid when submitted for the specified dentition(s):

<u>Code</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Primary</u>
D1510	1-32	A-T
D1520	1-32	A-T

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**1. Tooth Specific Codes**

Code	Permanent	Primary
D2920	1 - 32	A - T
D2980	1 - 32	A - T
D7110	1 - 32	A - T
D7120	1 - 32	A - T
D7130	1 - 32	A - T
D7210	1 - 32	A - T
D7220	1 - 32	
D7230	1 - 3, 14-19, 30-32	
D7240	1 - 3, 14-19, 30-32	
D7270	1 - 32	
D7280	1 - 32	

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